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JOKE BALL CLUB OF AMERICAN LEAGUE NOT ATHLETICS ANY MORE

Right Now Connie Mack's Crew Shapes Up a Strongly as Average American League Club—Team Men All Good at Their Respective Positions.

(By Monty.)

New York, June 17.—It will not be long before various persons quit referring to the Athletics as the joke ball club of the American League. Improvement is noticeable in the club day after day now and it is likely that before the season ends Connie Mack's crew will pass the line of demarcation and begin to win more than half of its games.

Mack has the right idea about managing a ball team. He does only one thing at a time. Never has he attempted building a club and finishing up in the race at the same time. If he has a combination that he thinks has a good chance for the pennant, he bends all energies toward making that team win games. If he feels that his outfit is too weak to win the flag, he pays practically no attention to the winning of games, centering his attention instead on adding strength to the club.

From 1909, when the Athletics finished second, on through 1914, when the famous White Elephants won their last American League championship, he put his mind entirely on the proposition of getting the greatest possible percentage of victories with the material at hand. When the 1914 season closed and because of various reasons he felt impelled to get rid of Eddie Collins, Jack Barry, Chief Bender, Eddie Plank, Jack Coombs and Frank Baker, he realized he had no chance at all to win a pennant with the remaining material. So he set out upon

a campaign of building up a new ball club.

He is still engaged in the building process, but is not so far from success in that line as some casual students of baseball may imagine. Unless we miss our guess, he will have a pretty strong team to begin next season's campaign, perhaps one that strikes him as strong enough to win the pennant. If it seems powerful enough to him, he will go after games right away, putting his strongest available combination into the field every day. If he decides more building is necessary, he will continue to use weaker arrangements for the purpose of trying out or developing youngsters he picks up here and there.

Right now the Athletics shape up as strongly as the average American League club in half of their games—one the days when Elmer Myers and Bullet Joe Bush pitch. Bush is the youngster who was such a sensation in the world's series with the Giants back in 1913. For the next two years he failed to fulfill the wonderful promise he bore on that occasion, but he now is conducting himself like a star of the first magnitude. Myers is a youth serving his first regular season in big league company. If anything he has more stuff on the ball than Bush and should prove an even greater star henceforth.

Elmer Myers performed a feat recently that is equaled by few pitchers in the major leagues—winning three games in a single week. To do it he had to beat three of the best hurlers in the league. In the first game, on Monday, he downed the great Walter Johnson. He allowed Washington four hits in that game. Two days later he left Detroit down with three hits, even with Ty Cobb among these present. He wound up the week by beating the Browns on Saturday, letting them have only five hits. He was as strong at the end of the ninth inning as Saturday as he was when he first stepped into the box on Monday. It looks as if this kid will be the Iron Man of the new pitching staff Connie is moulding. He hails from Raleigh, N. C., where Mack's young son, Earl McGillicuddy, is manager.

A young catcher named Myers—same name as the pitcher except for the "E"—is another of the tall tactical finds. His work has been so effective that Philadelphia's already have dubbed him Young Chief Myers, after the famous Indian now with Brooklyn. Myers has done such good work that he will make an able alternate for Wallace Schang when the quest for the pennant finally begins. A youth named Witt at short-stop and another dubbed Pick at third base seem certain to be fixtures in the new Athletics. Stuff McInnis of course will stay at first base. Amos Strunk and Jimmy Walsh, holdovers from the old Athletics, are young enough men to make good for several years more.

Rube Oldring is the only outfielder on the team who does not rate highly enough. When Mack can land some fellow to take the Rube's place and also a second baseman to supplant aged Nap Lajoie, he will be ready to make his bid for the flag. Those are the only weak spots now remaining. He has enough strength everywhere else to land up in the first division, including sufficient reinforcements for his two pitching stars. If he gets a halfway decent break in luck from now on, Connie will send his charges into the first division next year beyond the slightest doubt.

BRUNNER RECEIVES SILVER LOVING CUP

Port Deposit, Md., June 17.—Leonard A. Brunner of Easton, Pa., was awarded the Rowland silver loving cup for the best all-around athlete in the town school, here, by a unanimous vote of the Athletic Association committee.

Brunner is Tome's greatest athlete. He attracted attention last fall by his sensational football playing. During the season he scored 14 touchdowns, 25 goals from touchdowns, 2 field goals, and altogether made 115 points,

almost half of the team's total of 236.

The football season over, Brunner, in turn, became a member of the 'varsity' soccer, basketball and baseball teams. In basketball he again led the team in scoring, and besides being a good fielder and a good hitter, he was the best base-runner on the baseball nine. In all probability Brunner will enter the University of Pennsylvania next year.

WARHOP TURNED OUT BY SALT LAKE UTES

San Francisco, June 17.—Little Jack Warhop, who was famous with the Yankees just a few seasons ago, has been turned adrift by Cliff Blankenship, of the Salt Lake Utes.

Warhop cost the Utes a pretty penny and was drawing a fat salary, but he could not win. When he was with the Yankees Warhop was called the hard-luck pitcher of the big leagues. Few earned runs were chalked up against his record, but he was never a winning pitcher.

SALT LAKE TEAM IS TO PLAY IN OGDEN ON SUNDAY

Manager Leland Williams, of the Utah baseball nine, received the line-up today of the Steffel baseball team of Salt Lake City, which organization he is to pit his team against next Sunday at Glenwood. Excursion rates will be in effect from Salt Lake City for the game and the Steffels expect to bring up a good sized crowd of rooters.

The two line-ups will be as follows:

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| Utah. | Steffels. |
| Stone | Catchers. |
| Hill, Allen and Parry | Groeschner and Conkwright |
| Fagan | Pitchers. |
| Layman | First Base. |
| Payne | Second Base. |
| Adams | Third Base. |
| Falek | Pinchree, Snelgrove |
| Williams | Shortstop. |
| Checketts | Left Field. |
| | Roach |
| | Center Field. |
| | Borsted |
| | Right Field. |
| | Davidson |

Tomorrow, the Utahs will go to Brigham City for a league game and the Utah Power & Light team will go to Garland.

BASEBALL GAMES

The Eighth ward baseball team defeated the Sixth ward team yesterday afternoon in a game played on the Eighth ward diamond. The score was 15 to 2 and the lineup follows:

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| Eighth Ward. | Sixth Ward. |
| Gibbs | Wright |
| Norseth | Catcher. |
| Mills | Pitcher. |
| Funk | First base. |
| Nelson | Second base. |
| Jack | Third base. |
| Richards | Left field. |
| Burk | Right field. |
| Bramwell | Center field. |
| Umpire—C. Lund. | |

GOTCH MAY TAKE ON STECHER. Chicago, June 17.—Frank Gotch will have regained his strength and probably will take on Joe Stecher on or near the Fourth of July. In the opinion of Jess Willard, the big champion says Frank has rejoined the circus and works out with him every day.

Friends of Gotch here said today that the champion had offered to meet Stecher for a guarantee of 40 per cent of the receipts, which was turned down by Stecher's manager.

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TENNIS INTERESTS JAPANESE MEN

Two Oriental Racquet Weilders on Way to United States to Participate in Tennis Tournament.

New York, June 17.—Japan is seeking a place in the tennis sun. Two famous Oriental racquet wielders, K. Kumagai and H. Mikami, are on their way here to appear in the American lawn tennis championship tournament

at Forest Hills, New York in August, and their expected performances are causing a lot of talk here.

Kumagai is now champion of the Orient. Mikami is considered only slightly inferior to his team mate. Before reaching the east, the two Japanese will have played at many leading clubs in exhibition and tournament matches.

Apparently this will be the only invasion of foreign athletes during the coming season, and because of the prominence and ability of the Japanese it should attract far more than usual attention.

As far back as 913 Kumagai, then a student at Kaio University, appeared at the Far Eastern championships and fought his way to the semi-finals, where he was defeated by Chiu Cottrell 7-5, 4-6, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4. In a match which was carried over into the second day. Later with a partner he lost to Fottrell and William Johnston present American champion in a double match by scores of 6-2 6-4 6-2.

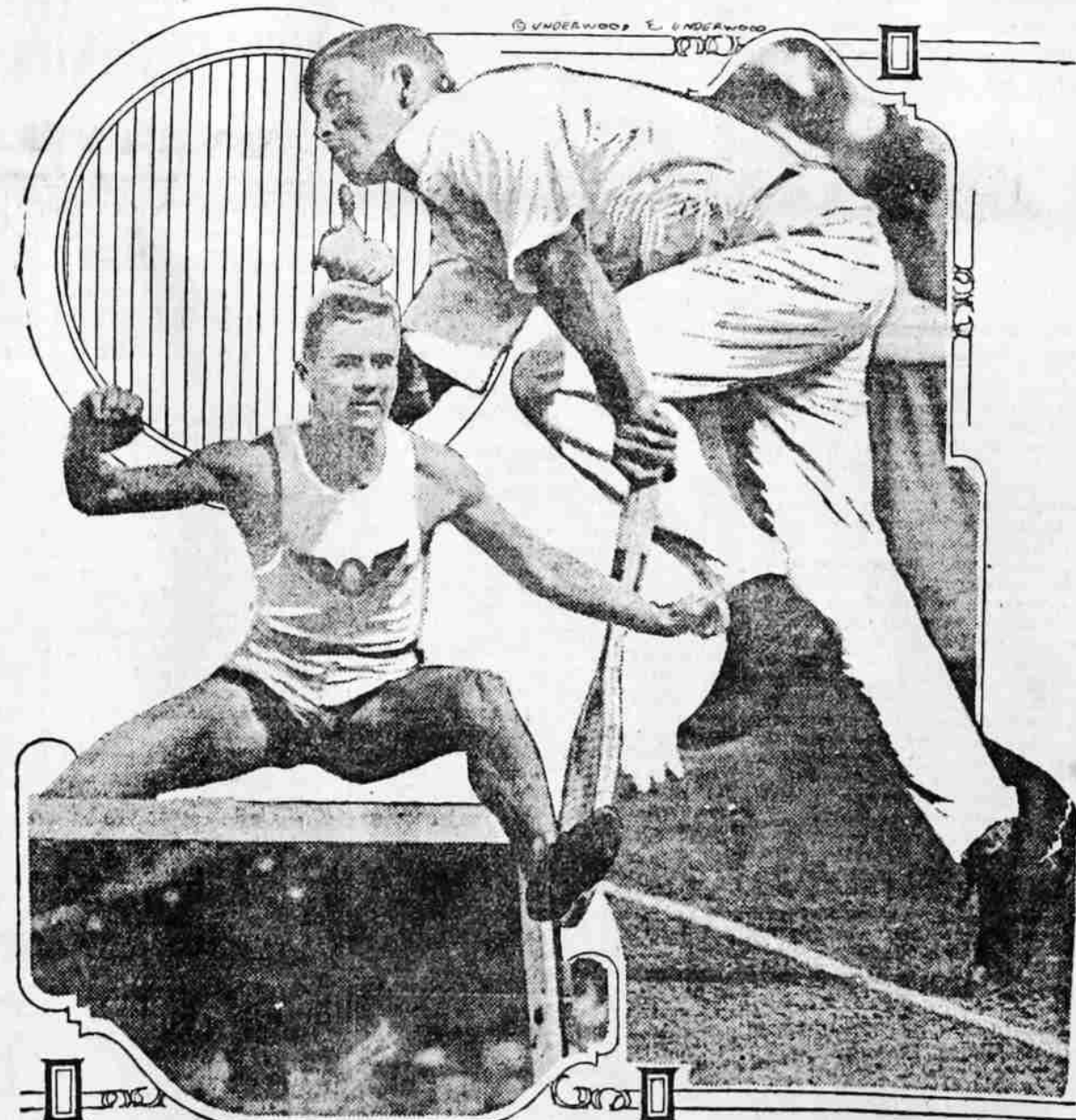
Two years before Kumagai had never seen a tennis racquet or ball and his first game was played with the discarded racquet of an English resident of Japan and a red rubber ball such as small children bounce on the sidewalks. Some idea of his progress within the past three years can be gained from the fact that last January he returned to Manila and won the championship of the Orient from a field which included Clarence Griffin, number seven in the United States ranking for last season, and Ward Dawson, who is ranked in the third ten for the same period.

When the semi-final round was reached there remained Kumagai and Kikami, representing Japan and Griffin and Dawson from the United States. Griffin defeated Mikami 7-5,

3-6, 6-3, 8-1, while Kumagai won from Dawson at 6-4, 6-4, 6-2. When Griffin met Kumagai in the final round the pair proved very evenly matched and while the Japanese expert won, in straight sets it was only after a terrific court battle with two sets out of three going to deuce, the scores being 10-8, 6-3, 10-8. During the American season Griffin had won matches from R. Norris Williams, Irving Wright, George M. Church, Ward and Fottrell and had worked his way into the fifth round of the national championship tourney where he was put out by Johnston, the ultimate winner, in a hard four-set match.

Kumagai and Mikami will play in both the doubles and singles at the Forest Hills national championship. Dawson and Griffin defeated them in the final round of the Orient doubles by scores of 6-4, 6-3, 10-8, the Japanese being rather weak in the team work so necessary to win in doubles play. Of the two Kumagai is the better player, having a puzzling left hand service and a terrific fore and backhand drive, coupled with an uncanny ability to make returns from almost any angle and portion of the court. He does not conserve his energy in play, but is apparently tireless upon the court and a master of tennis tactics.

MURRAY BROTHERS SHINE ON TRACK AND COURT; FRED IS STAR HURDLER AND R. LINDLEY IS NATIONAL INDOOR TENNIS CHAMP



Fred Murray (left) and R. Lindley Murray.

The Murray family of Bayonne, N. J., may be proud of its boys as all three of them are distinguished in the athletic world. The father, Augustus Murray, was a star football and tennis player in his younger years and his three sons carry on the tradition. The oldest, R. Lindley Murray, is a tennis speed king, holding the national indoor title and also the New York metropolitan crown. Fred, a year younger, twenty-two, is one of the few great collegiate high hurdlers and is attending Leland Stanford, while Frank, the youngest, also a student there, promises to become one of the best hammer throwers in college ranks.

CORNELL WILL LOSE TRACKMEN

Graduation Will Hit Track Team of Cornell University Pretty Hard.

Ithaca, N. Y., June 17.—Graduation will hit the team which won for Cornell at Cambridge Intercollegiate pretty hard. But with their new athletic equipment and a great fund of enthusiasm Coach Jack Moakley and his charges are very hopeful of retaining all breaches and maintaining their supremacy.

The track team loses by graduation, Potter, Hoffmire, Gubb, Van Winkle, Taylor and Corwith, who scored 22 of the 45 points totaled by the Ithacans. Foss, Richards, Crim, Frey, Hageman, and Windnagle, who scored 23 points, remain. Starr and MacLaran two of the intercollegiate team; Millard, a hurdler and Beckwith, a miler, also will be graduated, but Watts, a good hurdler, McCormick, Culbertson, Law and other good men will remain. The freshmen will provide fair material. Hickman, a broad jumper, vaulter and sprinter, and Hudson, a former Exeter distance star who were on probation this year and could not compete, should regain their standing next year.

Cornell men figure that if Moakley had Hickman and Hudson with Lukens, a hurdler who has graduated, and Older and Tinkham, distance runners, who also left in February, the team would easily have scored more than 50 points and would have taken every place in the two mile run.

Most of Cornell's point winners this year were made in Ithaca. Only Richards, Foss and Windnagle had some previous experience, but the bulk of the team was developed here.

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